

Emergency Shelter

J. D. Perkins Elementary School on Route 10 is the Town's designated shelter. In the event of an emergency, the shelter will be opened when there is a need for it. While the designated emergency shelter is the school, there could be certain circumstances where the location may have to be changed; **therefore you should not proceed to the shelter without having first received information that it is open and confirmation of its location.** Communication to the public can be hard at the beginning of an emergency, but every effort will be made to put the information out on the Town website on the urgent news banner, local radio and TV stations and in the Keene Sentinel. During a sustained emergency, daily updates will be posted on the notice board situated on the Town Office porch. If you need shelter, whether it is for the night or just during the day, as a warming center and you have not heard that it is open you should initially call the Town Office 446-2245, which, all going well, would be the Emergency Operations Center. If no one is there, you can try the Fire Station 446-7511 and the school 446-3307. If no response is received then you should call 9-1-1. You would also call these numbers if you have been informed that the shelter is open but you need assistance in getting to it. In the event of evacuating to the shelter, families should prepare to take care of themselves without help for three days. The following is a list of suggested supplies:

- ✓ Sleeping bags or inflatable mattresses, bedding and pillows. While we aim to have limited supplies, you and your family will be much more comfortable with your own supplies. Pillows will not be provided.
- ✓ Board games for entertainment
- ✓ Special items for infants
- ✓ Personal hygiene items
- ✓ Prescription medications
- ✓ Non-perishable canned or packaged food and drinks as it may take a day or more to set up a regular meal schedule at a shelter.
- ✓ Reading and writing materials
- ✓ Battery powered flashlight in case of power loss
- ✓ Glasses, contact lens case and solution
- ✓ Special items for elderly or disabled family members
- ✓ Credit cards and cash
- ✓ Change of clothes